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To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose the proposed final judgement because it:

Fails to reduce the application barrier to entry that Microsoft was found to have illegally protected;

Fails to remedy the injury done to the Java™ technology community;

Fails to remedy the illegal injury that Microsoft was found to have done to Netscape Navigator and the browser market;

Fails to curtail Microsoft's illegal bundling of middleware programs including browsers, media players, and instant messaging software into the monopoly Windows operating system;

Is ambiguous and subject to manipulation by Microsoft because it lacks an effective enforcement mechanism.

Furthermore, Microsoft is a monopoly and has used that monopoly position to force others out of business or to bend to fit their desires. This approach is EXTREMELY destructive to business where competition is in the best interests of everyone (except Microsoft) involved. The the proposed final judgement is a joke, a slap in the face to anyone with enough education or experience to know what they are trying to get away with. It is pure ignorance, or a desire to profit from the demise of our society, that would enable anyone to accept the terms of the proposed final judgement as being just. For everyones sake, including (albiet, against its will) Microsoft's, do not accept the proposed final judgement.

Sincerely,  
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